

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 774

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Leadership Chattanooga for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that encourage success and effective leadership by their participants; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is Leadership Chattanooga which positively influences the good citizens of Chattanooga through its ten-month leadership development program; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Chattanooga Chamber Foundation, Leadership Chattanooga identifies people of promise, familiarizes them with community issues and services, and develops their leadership skills to prepare them for prominent business, cultural, and political roles; and

WHEREAS, with a focus on relevant and ground-breaking issues such as economic development, arts and quality of life, civic and political leadership, education, community planning and design, revitalizing neighborhoods, state government, and justice and law enforcement, their impressive curriculum is informative, challenging, and motivational, granting participants the opportunity to interact with the community's top leadership, become familiar with key agencies and institutions, and engage in community service team projects; and

WHEREAS, established by the Chattanooga Chamber Foundation in 1984, Leadership Chattanooga accepts forty individuals from all sectors of the community each year and has graduated 850 citizens so far, including numerous public officials, including United States

Senator Bob Corker and United States Congressman Zach Wamp, and hundreds of leaders in the business world and non-profit community; and

WHEREAS, after gleaning all of the invaluable skills and experiences Leadership Chattanooga has to offer, graduates have the opportunity to join Leadership Chattanooga Alumni Association (LCAA), which provides an opportunity for alumni to engage in networking, continued leadership training, and projects for shaping Chattanooga's future; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Chattanooga is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and this worthy organization should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Leadership Chattanooga for laudable service to the people of Chattanooga and this State and thank Leadership Chattanooga's current members and graduates for striving to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.